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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 10 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.15 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (oil-for-food) (S/1999/1230)*

10.30 a.m.	4078th meeting**	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

   First report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) (S/1999/1223)

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting to be held following the adjournment of the 4078th meeting.

** Briefing by the Secretariat.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1419th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	77th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	78th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Dialogue among civilizations [34]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/546)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.60)

2. Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (f) and 50]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/297, A/54/378, A/54/536)

   (b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/626)

   (c) Draft resolution (A/54/L.58)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.19 *(item 104)* and A/C.2/54/L.36 *(item 97 (c))*

3. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25 *(item 97 (a))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [142] (A/54/120, A/54/395, A/54/518 and Corr.1, A/C.5/54/30 and A/54/645)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons responsible Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [143] (A/54/496 and Corr.1, A/54/521, A/C.5/54/30, A/54/30 and A/54/646)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

   (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

   Death and disability benefits (A/C.5/54/13)

   Placement of new Member States for peacekeeping assessments

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.15

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 151 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Placement of new Member States for peacekeeping assessments)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57, A/52/7/Add.2, A/54/431, A/C.5/54/29 and A/C.5/54/33))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 166 (Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (A/54/494 and Corr.1 and A/54/622)

* Following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 2 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 2 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PARTS 9 AND 10 OF THE STATUTE

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Meeting with the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), on the following items:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/123 and Add.1)
2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)

3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)

4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)

5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting of all interested delegations to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly), to be held *today*, 10 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held *today*, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000 today*, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 10 December 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution : international trade and development (A/C.2/54/L.36))

9 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution : financing of development (A/C.2/54/L.38))

10.30 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution: international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

2 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(coordination meeting: on other pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the Optional Protocol will take place *today*, 10 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will make an opening statement. Panellists will include: Ms. Aída González Martínez, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Ms. Aloisia Wörgetter, Chairperson of the Optional Protocol Working Group, The Honourable Sujata Manohar, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Ms. Fauziya Kassindja, Equality Now, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, will moderate the panel discussion.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend these events.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 11 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Monday, 13 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	79th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [42]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/549)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.62, A/54/L.63)

2. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [45]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/525)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.61)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 2	3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
			6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 3	9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Monday, 13 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Monday, 13 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal briefing on the preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be given by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Co-chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 17 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Monday, 20 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Special meeting

In connection with the Millennium Assembly and Millennium Summit of the United Nations, a meeting of the Millennium Forum Planning Consultative Council will be held on 14 and 15 December 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting is open to members of the Planning Consultative Council, as well as to members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

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Briefing

The Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, H. E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), and the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will conduct a consultative briefing with delegations in relation to the preparation of the thirty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development (8-17 February 2000) and on preparations for the special session. The briefing will be held at on Thursday, 16 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

75th plenary meeting

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly: second report of the Credentials Committee (A/54/475/Add.1) [3]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 10 of its second report (A/54/475/Add.1) (resolution 54/6 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [54]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 54.

Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [55]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 55.

Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [56]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 56.

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [57]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 57.

Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [58]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 58.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [28]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/168)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.55)

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.55.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.55 (resolution 54/100).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [46]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/133)

(b) Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/513)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 46.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, the Republic of Korea, Norway, Japan, China, Mozambique, Colombia, Gabon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Namibia, Angola, Eritrea, Uganda and Nigeria.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 74th plenary meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The Assembly was informed that a draft resolution under agenda item 46 would be submitted at a later date.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that agenda item 38 (Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters) would be considered on Thursday, 16 December 1999, in the morning.

76th plenary meeting

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 152 to 153 and 155 to 161.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/607) [152]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/54/607) (resolution 54/101).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 152.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/608) [153]

The representative of Solomon Islands made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/608) (resolution 54/102).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 153.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/611) [156]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/611) (resolution 54/103).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 156.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/612) [157]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/612) (resolution 54/104).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 157.

Establishment of the International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/613) [158]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/613) (resolution 54/105).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 158.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/614) [159]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/54/614) (resolutions 54/106, 54/107 and 54/108).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/615) [160]

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/54/615) (resolution 54/109).

By 149 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/54/615) (resolution 54/110).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Lebanon.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 160.

Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/616) [161]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/54/616).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 161.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session: [155]

(a) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/610)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/658)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/54/610) (resolutions 54/111 and 54/112).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 155.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 48th meeting

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty [105]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 and L.69

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.69.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 105.

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(e) External debt crisis and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.2 and L.71

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.69.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, the United States and Cameroon.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97 (e).

Sectoral policy issues [98]

(b) Business and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.70

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Nicu lescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.70.

The representative of the United States informed the Committee that Australia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Russian Federation and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution before it became a Vice-Chairman's text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.34 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 98 (b).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of chapters I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/54/3).

The representative of Italy made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.36

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.36 contained in document A/C.5/54/38.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Venezuela and Mexico.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Following the comments made, the Chairman informed the Committee that the question would be considered in informal consultations.

(b) Programme budget implications of draft resolution II contained in document A/54/604

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution II in the report of the Third Committee (A/54/604) contained in document A/C.5/54/36.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in its report on the right of peoples for self-determination, an additional requirement of $184,600 would arise under section 22, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(c) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1 contained in document A/C.5/54/34.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1, the requirements of $187,700 would be charged against the provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions requested in section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question

(d) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1 contained in document A/C.5/54/35.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1, an additional appropriation of $105,200 would arise under section 8 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(e) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1 contained in document A/C.5/54/31 and Add.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Mozambique, Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, South Africa, Brazil and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Chairman proposed a decision, to which the representative of Japan proposed an amendment.

The representatives of Cuba made a statement on a point of clarification, to which the Director of the Budget Division replied.

The representative of the United States made a statement and proposed a further amendment.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Cuba and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Following a suspension of the meeting, and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1, an additional requirement of $753,100 would arise in the proposed programme budget for 2000-2001 under section 4, Disarmament ($384,600), and under section 26, Public information ($368,500). In addition, an amount of $56,500 would be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by the same amount under income section 1, income from staff assessment. These requirements would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee also decided, without prejudice to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 37/14-C, to recommend to the General Assembly that the Secretary-General be requested to provide summary records for only those meetings at which decisions would be taken.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United States and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa

(b) Unforseen and extraordinary expenses

(c) Proposed abolition of two General Service posts under income section 3

(d) Internal and external printing practices of the Organization

(e) Temporary assistance for meetings: requirements 2000-2001

(f) Rental of United Nations premises by press and other entities

(g) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: section 26, Public information

(h) Use of general temporary assistance for specific positions

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the reports of the Secretary-General contained in documents A/54/431 and A/C.5/54/29, and the notes by the Secretary-General contained in documents A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/C.5/54/25, A/C.5/54/27 and A/C.5/54/33.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/7/Add.5).

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to consider and make appropriate recommendations on these reports in the context of the informal consultations on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Morocco, Cameroon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Kuwait, the Philippines, Israel, Cuba and Côte d'Ivoire.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Food Aid Convention, 1999. London, 13 April 1999

Accession: Australia (7 December 1999)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Optional Protocol will be opened for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from *today*, 10 December 1999, by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention , in accordance with its article 15 (1).

A signature ceremony will take place *today*, 10 December 1999, at 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments for signature (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Protocol submit, where necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Change of address

As of Monday, 13 December 1999, the New York headquarters of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) will be located at the following address: The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10174 (tel.: (212) 457-4000; fax: (212) 457-4001). The Office will be closed *today*, 10 December 1999.

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Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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